

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

An annotated marked up sheet of drawing is attached showing proposed changes to Fig. 13B. A replacement sheet incorporating such changes is attached as well.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet(s)
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The withdrawal of the outstanding restriction requirement and the examination of all claims is appreciatively noted.

In response to the Examiner's requirement to amend the drawings so as to show the wrench with projections mentioned at claim 12, proposed drawing changes are attached together with a replacement sheet. Accordingly, this issue is now believed to have been obviated.

The specification has been amended at page 1 so as to make it clear that analogous structures are depicted and labeled with common reference characters in Figures 14-16. Where unique structures are included in any of these figures, then the text already clearly points out such (e.g. see the first four lines of text at the top of page 2). Accordingly, it is not believed to be at all "unclear" as to which figure is being described with respect to the reference numbers used at pages 1-3 regarding Figures 14-16.

The needed correction at page 17, line 1 has been effected –as have similar corrections noted throughout the specification. In light of the Examiner's formality-based objections to claims 1-12, they have all been reviewed and amended so as to obviate all such stated grounds of objection.

In addition, as required, the specification has been amended so as to reflect changes made to the claims.

In response to the rejection of claims 1-12, under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, the claims have also been reviewed and amended so as to obviate all the outstanding objections.

For example, the term "deep" in claims 1 and 9 is now avoided.

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With respect to the term "high pressure", the undersigned has been unable to find this term in any claim. Accordingly, the Examiner's objection to this term is not understood.

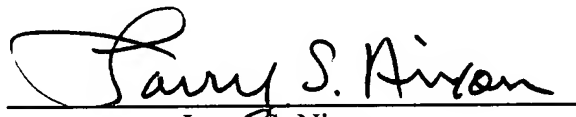
With respect to the packing plate being intermediate the first and second flat surfaces as recited in claim 6, this claim has been amended so as to avoid any possible indefiniteness—and parent claim 1 has been amended so as to be generic to either direct or indirect fluid tight contact between the first and second flat surfaces.

Accordingly, all outstanding grounds of objection/rejection are now believed to have been overcome thus placing this entire application in allowable condition. A formal notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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ANNOTATED MARKED UP DRAWINGS
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FIG. 13A

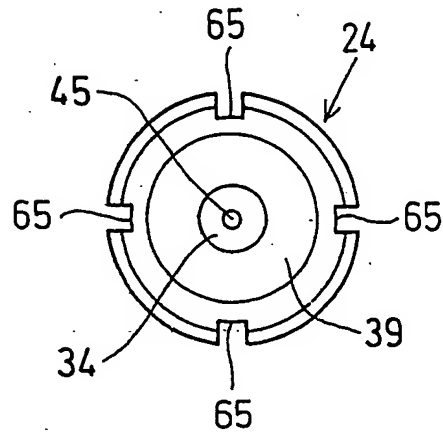


FIG. 13B

